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three or four days before the development of an attack of plague, the germs of which he had brought with him from his native village.

While in the absence of an epidemic the above precautions are reasonably effective, the rule you have heretofore enforced is certainly to be commended; that is, to refuse to visé passports or certificates during the existence of an epidemic in Amoy or the surrounding localities. And while you have reminded me that you have no definite instructions covering this refusal, it seems to me to be the only way to prevent the wholesale introduction of plague into our island possessions.

Respectfully,

CARL JOHNSON, M. D.,
Acting Consular Surgeon.

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U. S. Consul, Amoy, China.

NOTE.—Other reports on Amoy and its conditions will be found in ABSTRACT OF SANITARY REPORTS, Marine-Hospital Service, Vol. VII, 1892, page 8. Also Annual Report of Marine-Hospital Service for 1897, pages 435, and 446 to 448, reports of Surgeon S. D. Brooks, Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *April 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended March 31, 1900, 26 deaths have occurred in this city, 4 from malaria, 2 from intestinal diseases, and 3 from tuberculosis. Seven deaths occurred in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported. Death rate for the week is 33.89. Four foreign vessels were inspected at this port and 4 cleared for other ports during the week. One hundred and nineteen alien steerage passengers were admitted, after inspection, from Venezuela, on the schooner *Pedro*. During the month of March, 88 deaths have occurred in this city, no contagious diseases, 25 of the deaths occurring in the civil hospital. Twenty-eight foreign vessels, 321 passengers, 1,198 members of crew, and 129 alien steerage passengers have been inspected. Thirty-two foreign vessels cleared for other ports.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths and no contagious diseases at that port during the week and 1 foreign vessel inspected.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Casilda.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *April 3, 1900.*

SIR: The following report from our substation at Casilda, Cuba, arrived too late for entering in our weekly report for the week ended March 31, 1900:

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 5 deaths in the city of Trinidad; no contagious diseases. Inspected 1 foreign vessel during the week.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *April 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith the report for the week ended March 31, 1900.